

Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A stocking comprising a sleeve and a moldable gel pad within said sleeve.
2. (Previously Presented) A stocking as claimed in claim 1 further comprising an opening in said sleeve for accessing, placing and positioning said moldable gel pad within said sleeve.
3. (Previously Presented) A compression stocking comprising a sleeve and a moldable gel pad within said sleeve.
4. (Previously Presented) A compression stocking as claimed in claim 3 further comprising an opening in said sleeve for accessing, placing and positioning said moldable gel pad within said sleeve.
5. (Original) A stocking as claimed in claim 2 wherein said stocking includes a folded portion and a stitched portion to form said sleeve.
6. (Original) A compression stocking as claimed in claim 4 wherein said compression stocking includes a folded portion and a stitched portion to form said sleeve.
7. (Original) A stocking as claimed in claim 5 wherein said sleeve extends 360 degrees within said stocking.
8. (Previously Presented) A compression stocking as claimed in claim 6 wherein said sleeve extends 360 degrees within said stocking.
9. (Previously Presented) A device for treating venous insufficiency comprising

an understocking having a sleeve and a moldable gel pad within said sleeve.

10. (Previously Presented) A device for treating venous insufficiency as claimed in claim 9 further comprising an opening in said sleeve for accessing, placing and positioning said moldable gel pad within said sleeve.

11. (Original) A device for treating venous insufficiency as claimed in claim 10 further comprising a compression stocking residing over said understocking.

12. (Original) A device for treating venous insufficiency as claimed in claim 9 further comprising a compression stocking residing over said understocking.

13. (Original) A device for treating venous insufficiency as claimed in claim 9 wherein said understocking includes a folded portion and a stitched portion forming said sleeve.

14. (Original) A device for treating venous insufficiency as claimed in claim 13 wherein said understocking is made from a material selected from the group of nylon, polyester, and cotton.

15. (Original) A device for treating venous insufficiency as claimed in claim 13 wherein said understocking is made from a material selected from an elastic material.

16. (Previously Presented) A method of treating a patient having venous insufficiency comprising the steps of:

applying an understocking having a sleeve onto the foot, ankle and leg of said patient;

inserting a moldable gel pad into said sleeve; and,
positioning said moldable gel pad about said foot, ankle and leg of said patient to
apply pressure to reduce said venous insufficiency.

17. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a patient having venous
insufficiency as claimed in claim 16 further comprising the steps of:

applying a compression stocking over said understocking and said moldable gel
pad.

18. (Original) A method of treating a patient having venous insufficiency as
claimed in claim 16 wherein said understocking is a compression stocking.

19. (Original) A method of treating a patient having venous insufficiency as
claimed in claim 17 wherein said understocking is a compression stocking.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously Presented) A stocking as claimed in claim 1 where said moldable
gel pad is comprised of a material that is soft and pliable.

22. (Currently Amended) A stocking as claimed in claim 2 wherein said stocking
fits over a bodily appendage; said bodily appendage has an exterior surface; said exterior
surface has surface contours; and, said moldable gel pad is small and thin; said moldable
gel pad is placed in said sleeve in proximity to said surface contours; ~~said moldable gel
pad is compressed~~; said moldable gel pad is fit in said surface contours of said
appendage.

23. (Previously Presented) A compression stocking as claimed in claim 3 wherein said stocking is placed over a bodily appendage; said bodily appendage has projections; said moldable gel pad is held into place in a location in proximity to said projections of said bodily appendage to provide the desired distribution of pressure between said compression stocking and said bodily appendage.

24. (Currently Amended) A stocking for use in combination with a bodily appendage, said bodily appendage has surface irregularities, said surface irregularities include bony prominences and recesses, said stocking includes a compartment and a moldable gel pad; and, said moldable gel pad positioned in proximity to said surface irregularities.